

What Is Claimed Is:



1. A removable cleated outersole for covering the permanent treaded bottom of an athletic footcovering, the removable outersole comprising:

- an elastically deformable band defining a continuous loop,
- the band having a top edge and a bottom edge,
- the bottom edge of the band forming the shape of the perimeter outline of the treaded bottom of the athletic footcovering;
- a sole surface coupled to the bottom edge of the band, the sole surface configured in the perimeter outline of the treaded bottom of the athletic footcovering,
- the sole surface having a bottom side; and
- a plurality of sport cleats protruding from the bottom side of the sole surface.

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2. The removable cleated outersole of claim 1 further comprising:

- an anchoring strap having a first end and a second end,
- the first end connected to the elastically deformable band,
- the second end connected to the elastically deformable band, and
- the sole surface having a toe cap sized to cover a toe portion of the athletic footcovering.

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3. The removable cleated outersole of claim 2 wherein the anchoring strap is releasably connected to the deformable band.

4. The removable cleated outersole of claim 1 wherein the elastically deformable band is made with spandex rubber and is the sole means for attaching the outersole to the athletic footcovering.

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5. The removable cleated outersole of claim 1 wherein the sole surface includes a rigid sole plate, the rigid sole plate having the same perimeter dimensions as the treaded bottom of the athletic footcovering.

5 6. The removable cleated outersole of claim 5 wherein the plurality of cleats is removably secured to the sole plate.

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10 7. The removable cleated outersole of claim 5 wherein the sport cleats are one of a soccer cleat, a rugby cleat, a baseball spike, a football spike, and a track sprinter's spike.

15 8. Athletic footwear having a top surface comprising:  
a removable outersole;  
a permanent treaded external sole,  
the removable outersole covering the external sole,  
the external sole adapted for use without the removable  
outersole;  
a plurality of sport cleats protruding from the removable outersole;  
and,  
20 an elastically deformable band secured to the entire perimeter of  
the removable outersole,  
the elastically deformable band sized to removably secure  
the removable outersole to the permanent treaded sole.

25 9. The athletic footwear of claim 8 further comprising:  
a support band attached to the elastically deformable band, the  
support band sized to stretch across a top surface of the athletic  
footwear,  
the elastically deformable band secured to the perimeter of  
30 the removable outersole.

10. The athletic footwear of claim 8 wherein the sport cleats are removably secured to the removable outersole.

Sub a 51 11. The athletic footwear of claim 8 wherein the sport cleats are one of a soccer cleat, a rugby cleat, a baseball cleat, a football spike, and a track sprinters spike.

5 12. The athletic footcovering of claim 8 wherein the removable outersole contains a rigid sole plate.

10 Sub a 41 13. A method of securing cleats to an athletic footcovering, the athletic footcovering having bottom treads and a top, the method comprising : stretching an elastically deformable band around the perimeter of the bottom treads of the athletic footcovering, the elastically deformable band being shaped in the perimeter outline of the bottom treads of the athletic footcovering, the elastically deformable band having an outersole secured to it, the outersole having a plurality of cleats protruding from it; and releasing the elastically deformable band.

15 20 25 14. The method of claim 13 further comprising: stretching a support band over the top of the athletic footcovering, the support band in structural communication with the elastically deformable band.

15. The method of claim 13 wherein the support band is releasably secured to the elastically deformable band.

16. The method of claim 13 further comprising:

stretching a toe cap connected to the elastically deformable band over the top of the athletic footcovering.

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